NOIDA as a free trade zone

168. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NOIDA has been declared as a free trade zone; if so, what are the details thereof; and;

(b) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An area of 82 acres in NOIDA has been notified by the Government as an Export Processing Zone with a view to promoting exports form the Northern region. Levelling of the site and construction of boundary wall have been completed. Working on internal roads, blatted factories & service centre progress. Twenty three proposals for setting up export oriented units have been approved. Eleven units have so far taken possession of the land alotted to them.

'Fire fighting equipments in Five Star Hotels

169. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered to conduct a survey of five star hotels in Delhi in order to find out if these hotels possess adequate fire fighting equipments; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. Instructions were isued for carrying out inspections were approved hotels including the five star hotels in Delhi to ensure that they work according to norms, particularly in regard to fire fighting arrangements.

(b) During the inspection of five Star hotels in Delhi, some deficiencies were noticed in the fire fighting arrangements of certain hotels and they been advised to take the necessary remedial measures within a time limit. The implementation of these recommendations is being monitored by the Department of Tourism.

Ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the people killed in fire in Siddhartha Hotel

170. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the people killed in fire in Siddhartha Hotel, New Delhi and also to those injured has been made; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) No such payment has yet been made.

(b) Does not arise.

Modi Spinning and Weaving Mills, Modi Nagar

171. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Modi Spinning and Weaving Mills, Modi, Nagar have not deposited the Provident Fund amount to the tune of Rs. One crore and twenty-nine lakhs from April, 1981 to December 1983;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the Mill Management; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir, According to the Provident Fund authorities which